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GOOD CONTRACTS FOR INDIANA TEAMSTERS

Local 188 Appeals Drastic Anti-Picketing Injunction

Teamsters Union No. 188 of Indianapolis has appealed to the State Supreme Court against an injunction by Judge Lloyd D. Claycombe which is considered one of the most drastic decisions against organized labor ever rendered in Indiana.

The injunction was issued March 23 in Marion County Circuit Court on complaint of the Home Made Pie Co.

It restrains the Union officials, their legal counsel and all members from engaging in any phase of secondary picketing, and is so worded that any one of the defendants could be jailed for contempt even for advising his own wife not to buy a Home Made pie.

Anti-Union Precedent

It is believed that the decision of Judge Claycombe, if upheld, would establish a precedent making it virtually impossible for organized labor in Indiana to enforce collective bargaining.

The order prohibits secondary picketing or any other method a labor union might employ to inform the public that any company or its product is unfair to working people.

Building trades particularly would be hamstrung, as most of their picketing in labor disputes is of a secondary nature, being directed against a building operation rather than the office of the contractor in the dispute.

Appeal against the decision, according to Lynnville G. Miles, (Continued on page 4)

PERKINS CO. GIVES GOOD RAISES; ARMORED CARS ARE NEGOTIATING

The Perkins Trucking Co. has granted increased wages and improved working conditions to all its drivers, members of Teamsters Union No. 193, Indianapolis.

Negotiations were conducted for the Union by Michael C. Granat, John Mikels and Tubby Steinhauer, shop steward.

The drivers are pleased with the raise granted by Mr. Perkins.

Armored Cars

Drivers of the city's two armored cars services, who deliver the big loads of cash, have been inducted into Teamsters Union 193, and the companies are now negotiating wage scales and working conditions. These companies are Brink's Armored Car Service and Mer-

LOCAL 716, GROWING, PLANS ICE WALKOUT

Teamsters Local 716 of Indianapolis has filed strike notices against Polar Ice and Fuel Co., Broad Ripple Ice Co. and Indianapolis Paint and Color Co.

The action was taken by James E. Deets, president and business representative as a last resort, after failing to reach an agreement with the companies with respect to wages.

After long negotiations the two sides got together on all other questions of collective bargaining, it is understood. However, the companies have refused to meet the pay scales demanded by union drivers.

Membership Increased

Membership of Local 716 has been increased by about 200 recently and is expected to take another move upward in view of the great amount of new construction work about to start.

Unemployment compensation in Indiana, administered by the Employment Security Division, marked its tenth birthday in March, 1946.

MILLER SEEKS RAISE FROM CENTRAL FIBER

VINCENNES—Charles Miller, business representative for Local 417, is negotiating with the Central Fiber & Products Co. on behalf of drivers and warehousemen. A 15 cent increase is sought for the 12 employees involved. Assisting Mr. Miller are James Maxwell and John McBride.

RICHMOND—Glen Crawford, member of Teamsters Local 691, has returned from service to his job with the Motor Distributing Corp. here.

APRIL 8 LAST DAY TO REGISTER

You must be properly registered in order to vote in the May 7 primary.



CHARLES MILLER

TEAMSTERS! STAY AWAY FROM HICKS

The Indiana State Drivers Council on March 15 passed a resolution ordering all Teamsters within its jurisdiction and urging all others to refrain from delivering materials to the Hicks Body plant in Lebanon.

This resolution was based upon the consensus of business representatives of 25 locals of Union Teamsters that "not one pound of raw materials should be sent into a factory which is trying to operate with scab labor and in violation of its contract with organized labor, including members of Teamsters Local 543."

Further the Indiana Teamsters have pledged money to aid their Union and the members of Federal Labor Union 22207, all locked out since November 1.

According to Pat Hess, head of the big Fort Wayne Local 414 of the Teamsters and past president of the State Council, "If it takes one thousand or 20 thousand dollars, to win this fight, we're in it to win."

Local 414 started the collection by donating \$100.

The Indiana State Drivers Council followed with a contribution of \$300.

Business Agents Get Better Conditions for Many Members

Many good contracts have been obtained during the past month for the Union Teamsters of Indiana by their business representatives.

Agreements have been reached calculated to guarantee cordial relationship between labor and management for the coming year. These agreements call for increased pay, vacations with pay, improved working conditions generally.

Despite an adverse court decision clamped on Local 188, the Lebanon lock-out and some other clashes, yet to be settled, the Brotherhood has not done so bad for itself in the State generally.

In Vincennes, Charles Miller, head of Teamsters Local 417, came out of a three-day strike against the Tip Top Creamery Co. with a contract guaranteeing increased wages and other concessions to 300 members.

Miller explained:

"We went out Sunday midnight, March 3 and were back at work March 6. Everything was orderly and very peaceful because of the efforts of the four strike captains. They get a vote of thanks from everyone for their work in keeping all quiet on the creamery front."

Negotiating committee included Marvin Beaman, Jack Johnson, Virgil McRae, Claude Weineauer, Harold Crowe and Kenneth Benson.

Miller paid tribute to the assistance given Local 417 by Clifford Frederick, assistant to Kenneth Hanley, out of the Teamsters Research department, Chicago, for helping in the negotiations.

Other concessions gained by workers included a guaranteed 48-hour work week, no night shift differential, plant-wide seniority instead of departmental, two weeks vacation after 3 years' service, and one week after one year, company to pay half on rental of uniforms for inside and outside employees.

"And to top it off, the company agreed to pay half-time on the strike," said Miller.

The creamery is a subsidiary of the Beatrice Creamery Co., of Chicago. Thirty-five employers are drivers, while the others are inside workers.

LOCAL 691

James K. Katz, head of Teamsters Local 691, organized and got collective bargaining agreements for the workers employed by three concerns.

These were the drivers, mechanics and helpers employed by the Eavey Wholesale Grocery Co. of Richmond; Peoples Coal Co. of Lawrenceburg, and the L. L. Cooperage Co. of Lawrenceburg.

All the new members of Katz's local, coming in from the foregoing concerns, are now getting more money, better working conditions, including vacations with pay.

In addition Katz obtained a total of \$325 for four members employed by the C & D Motor Delivery Co. of Connersville. The members were over-the-road drivers and the money represented retroactive pay, based upon an old contract.

IN MUNCIE

Report from D. E. Mahoney (Continued on Page 3)



JAMES K. KATZ

HEINZ DRIVERS JOIN LOCAL 233

All drivers and warehousemen employed by the H. J. Heinz Co., have signed applications with Teamsters Union No. 233 of Indianapolis.

The food products company has agreed to accept the union as bargaining agent, upon certification by the National Labor Relations Board, which is to hold a cross-check election, according to Leo Bauer, representing the union.

MEETING NIGHT

Attention all members of Local 233: Meeting night for this local is the first Wednesday of each month. The meeting is held at 8 P.M. at 28 West North St.

Birdsong Topic Of Press Report

EVANSVILLE—Clyde Birdsong, civic leader, was the subject for an extensive article by Ed Klingler of The Evansville Press recently.

Mr. Birdsong, who is secretary-treasurer of the Indiana State Drivers' Council, is the most recent of several A. F. of L. leaders to be accorded this honor. Birdsong achieved some prominence recently after expressing certain unorthodox views, including observations on the subject of governmental interference in labor and management affairs at a meeting of a local civic group.

He is president of the Building and Metal Trades Council, and of Teamsters and Chauffeurs Local No. 215.

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What Price Housing?

Veterans, and other homeless people:

Vote against these men at the next election. They voted against you on the housing bill.

GILLIE . . .
GRANT . . .
HALLECK . . .
JOHNSON . . .
SPRINGER . . .

Housing expediter Wilson W. Wyatt, under his housing plan as it went to Congress, had hoped to be able to build 2,700,000 new homes by the end of 1947.

Now, after a Congress led by those hostile to veterans and other common people, and friendly only to big business and the billion-dollar realtors' lobbyists, has voted down Wyatt's subsidy plan and other features favoring veterans and low-income people it is doubtful if more than 400,000 homes will be started this year.

The watered-down bill as it finally passed the House is not a bill designed to benefit the homeless veteran, or the man of little means, nor will it serve to break the housing jam. It is a bill to benefit the realtors and building speculators.

The heart of the bill was the subsidy feature, and this vital provision is the one which the representatives listed above, helped to kill. This vote was supposed to be "secret", but a volunteer group of correspondents in the press gallery undertook to record the votes, by identifying and listing the legislators as they marched down the aisle to be counted, and one of these Washington correspondents, Gordon H. Cole, counted those voting against the subsidy, those Hoosiers of the old guard noted above: Gillie, Grant, Halleck, Johnson and Springer.

"The anti-subsidy battle cry throughout the housing debate has been: 'Let private enterprise take care of the emergency without government interference,' declared Mr. Cole. In this instance, private enterprise is the billion-dollar real estate combine, which homes expediter Wyatt maintained, has "one of the biggest lobbies that has ever operated against essential legislation."

Wyatt said: "I charge that its motives are to perpetuate the housing shortage in order to gain speculative profits from inflationary real estate prices. I charge that its motives are to secure profits, at the expense of veterans by breaking price ceilings on existing materials. I charge that its motives are to protect vested interests based on limited production of building materials."

This is the same Congress which voted our boys into service. And the same Congress which got so heated up a while back about "bringing our boys home." But apparently many of its members do not care what the boys come home to.

The subsidies were to have been used to bring marginal producers into production, to encourage new firms to enter the building industry, and to finance experimentation with prefabrication and new materials.

Previously the same reactionary forces in Congress voted down price ceilings on existing homes and on building lots; and reduced the period during which the veterans would have preference in the sale or rental of new homes, until now the preference will end at about the time the new homes are ready for the market.

It is hoped that the Senate will restore the vital subsidy feature of the original bill and other provisions without which homes expediter Wyatt's program will be able to function only one-fifth as effectively.

APRIL 8 LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Precinct Committeeman

This is registration time. As many as 100,000 voters in Indiana may be disqualified unless their registration is checked and corrected—now.

The labor haters are out to get control of Congress, and they are working day and night to see that everyone of their voters is correctly registered. Shall we be less active? Shall we let them succeed—or shall we get in there and work and fight to win?

A recent editorial in the Indianapolis Times stresses the responsibility, in this connection, of the precinct committeeman, calling him "the key to government." We think it is worth reprinting, and quote:

"Do you know the name of the committeeman of your party, if you belong to one, in your precinct? Do you know his background, political and personal, and how he is equipped to select the candidates who will be supported in the primary election?

"We'll wager that almost every voter, unless he be active in politics, will have to answer 'no.'

"The precinct committeeman is the wheel-horse of politics. He is the man who 'gets out the vote.' And the man who helps decide who will be presented to the public with party endorsement. And the man who elects the county chairman who maintains party responsibility for the actions of those from its ranks who have been selected for public jobs.

"It is sound government, as well as sound politics, to scrutinize carefully the record of your precinct committeeman, and his qualifications to represent you. For that is what he does.

"As the key party workers, the post of precinct committeeman deserves more attention in the primary than it ever has received, or probably will receive in the future. It is well to remember, though, that this person is the keystone to the kind of political structure the community has."

"These are perilous times. The world either is headed for destruction, or the greatest age of progress in history. It is up to you to decide which path we follow. It is up to me to attempt to see that we follow the path toward that great age and not towards destruction, and that is what I have dedicated my life to do."—President Truman.

State Employment Security Aids Half-Million Jobless

The Indiana Employment Security Division processed, wrote, and mailed more than half a million benefit payment warrants to temporarily unemployed Indiana workers during 1945.

Explaining the work of his office immediately following Pearl Harbor, Noble Shaw, Employment Security Division director, said:

"Our local offices were slowed up at first with the rush of claimants and were delayed in sending benefit applications to the central office for processing.

"Now, however, the claims offices have caught up with claims taking and as soon as claimant completes his waiting period week his claim is forwarded to the office for computation and payment."

Ordinarily, according to the Director, it is not until the third week after a jobless applicant files for unemployment insurance that he receives his first compensation check. Under the Indiana law, a claimant must serve a one-week waiting period for which no benefits are paid. Then he must complete his first benefit week before he can sign for his first check, which will be mailed to him from the central office.

Unemployment Sets In

Mr. Shaw reported that widespread cancellation of war contracts in Indiana manufacturing industries had resulted in a decrease of approximately 63,000 wage-earners, bringing the total unemployed wage-earners to an estimated 115,000. The decline was offset somewhat by an increase of approximately 8,500 seasonal cannery workers and 4,000 retail trade employees.

Readjustment Allowances

Mr. Shaw advises unemployed or self-employed veterans who wish to apply for the first time for readjustment allowances to call in person at the Division office nearest their homes and to bring with them the discharge or separation papers given when they were separated from the service.

The Division offices will supply forms necessary for claiming these allowances provided for by the G. I. Bill of Rights and will advise veterans on their rights under the Act.

A totally or partially unemployed and eligible veteran is entitled to receive \$20 a week less the amount by which his earnings during the week exceed \$3. A self-

employed veteran is entitled to receive \$100 for a calendar month, less the amount of his net earnings. The number of weeks of allowances payable to an eligible unemployed veteran are determined by his length of active service and the maximum duration is 52 weeks. One monthly allowance for self-employment is counted as five weekly allowances and the number of payments available to an ex-service man engaged in his own business is likewise governed by the length of his military service.

Readjustment allowances are available to a veteran at any time after his discharge or release until two years after his discharge or until two years after the end of the war, whichever is the later date. However, the law provides that no allowances will be paid for any week which begins more than five years after the termination of the war.

To be eligible for weekly allowances a veteran must be able to work and available for work. A self-employed applicant must show that he is fully employed in his own enterprise.

Hoosiers who work for employers subject to the Indiana Employment Security Act have been insured against complete loss of income when unemployed since April, 1938, when jobless benefits first became payable, two years after collection of pay roll taxes from employers started.

There was \$181,037,897.55 in the Indiana unemployment compensation trust fund available for benefit payments to the state's eligible unemployed on December 31, 1945.

No deductions from employees' pay checks are made for the Indiana unemployment compensation trust fund—the entire tax is paid by employers.

During 1945 some 12,000 Indiana employers, subject to the Indiana Employment Security Act, paid \$29 million in to the fund from which jobless benefits are paid.

In 1945 unemployment compensation paid to Indiana's temporarily jobless totaled over \$12 million of which more than \$10 million was paid in the last three months of the year.

LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEPHEN TOTH

I see where Papa Justak of Justak Trucking gave the boys on the Standard Oil Job cigars . . . very good ones too.

Foster & Wheeler have agreed to put the new wage rate into effect March 28.

Stone and Webster say maybe about April 1.

Having a little trouble with Kellogg Co.

The rest are paying the new scale.

Walter Peterson of the County Highway Barn succumbed to a heart attack. Our sympathy is extended his widow and family. Walter is the first to die under our new Insurance Plan.

Sorry to hear about William Terpstra losing his wife. Bill and his boys are members of 520.

Glad to see Henry Suchy of Justak's back. Henry has been on Uncle Sam's pay-roll for the past three years.

We have signed a new contract with Calumet Iron & Supply Co., giving the boys good increases.

Crane Co. has also granted increases to our drivers.

The New Ready Mix Concrete contract has been presented to Certified Concrete and Lake Cities Concrete. The employers' reaction to the demands was anything but favorable.

It looks to me like the next Sheriff of Lake County is going to be a 520 man, James Kirrin, who joined our Local twenty years ago, and at present is out on a withdrawal card. He employs five of our members in his coal yard. Is a candidate for Sheriff on the Democratic ticket. James Kirrin has been a very good Union man, and at present is one of our best Employers. He has resided in East Chicago for about forty years and has a family of five children. His son at present is in the Army. This man is worthy of our support. So let us back him 100 per cent.

THINGS I SEE AROUND 1-9-3

By BERNARD YOUNG

Better get acquainted soon with our new members, some of the furniture store delivery boys. They are a fine bunch of fellows, and want to meet all our members. Let's all extend a hearty welcome to these new members.

Hey! There seems to be a place providing a taxi service for its employees. It sends conveyances after the boys every morning to get them to work, and lets the boys get a little more shut eye. Had we all better contact Columbia Terminals for a job?

Seems they also have a driver who makes ladies swoon when he raps on a door making deliveries and they open the door to see who's there. Don't tell me there's another crooner in our midst!

Again they have a couple boys working that happen to be very friendly with the bow wows, too. Have a regular business going with hunting dogs. Their truck can be opened most any time, and there you will see a hound dog or two. Hope they are not working as dog catchers. Watch your dogs, brothers!

Say, you stewards!—how about some news for this column!

Any add-to's this column by anyone, please go ahead; you are welcome. It will be a big help!

TWO INDIANA MEN DENOUNCED IN MAGAZINE

Many Locals Get Increases

(Continued from page 1)

secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 369 shows that he has just obtained a new contract with the Beatrice Creamery Co., Muncie.

The agreement includes pay



D. E. MAHONEY

increase, with an improved vacation plan, granting the second week's vacation for employees with a three-year service record.

In addition to the wage and vacation increases the new contract also provides for a union shop, arbitration through the United States Conciliation Service as the final step of grievance machinery, and a guaranteed work week for both men and women employees.

The contract runs for a period of one year and is retroactive to last Nov. 29.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Teamsters Locals 193 and 233 have completed negotiations for a number of their members, according to details reported elsewhere in this edition.

OTHER LOCALS

Among optimistic reports made by business representatives at the last meeting of the Indiana State Drivers Council:

Henry Willing, of Teamsters Local 362, Hammond, reported an increase for drivers in the produce and fruit haulers line.

E. C. Wilkes, of Teamsters Local 298, reported an increase for drivers in the dairy and coal industries and two Michigan City factories.

Stephen Toth, of Teamsters Local 520 reported an increase for drivers in the scrap yards.

Pat Hess, of Teamsters Local 414, Fort Wayne, reported an increase for city freight and Kroger's warehouse men and drivers and also an increase for city employees on street and sewer departments.

Reuther of CIO Accuses Thomas

ATLANTIC CITY — Accusing President R. J. Thomas of the CIO United Auto Workers of being "completely dishonest," Walter P. Reuther threw his hat in the ring as a candidate for the union's top job.

In this manner, Reuther, leader of the General Motors strike and a UAW-CIO vice-president, made his expected announcement that he would try to wrest the presidency from his fellow unionist of years standing.

And, it turned out, he did!



By Al Lindahl

Feb. 1—The start of that good short month that is all for the salaried help.
 Feb. 2—The copper-smiths are coming along fine on the new kettle as well as all the buildings under construction.
 Feb. 3—"Two Dollar" Bill Hansen clubbing the members for their dues. Hope I can sneak out the back way.
 Feb. 4—Carl Theede, Sr., thinks that Richard Stephens tells at least one lie each Saturday.
 Feb. 5—Has anyone seen a couple of steel riggers around? See what I mean, gals.
 Feb. 5—George Irons is now the doctor who brings Alex Oshinski his heart medicine or stimulant.
 Feb. 7—What does a guy have to get to win a check pool?
 Feb. 8—"Marryin' Ed" Smith says that "Duke" Armstrong should be ripe come any dog patch day.
 Feb. 9—A quiet Sabbath.
 Feb. 10—"Bud" Hodges claims the penalty of a new outfit is 1100 cases of "Extra Dry."
 Feb. 11—Stan Stake should hook up a magnet on his bumper to pick up that rattling good car.
 Feb. 12—Alva Helmick found out that he didn't have fire insurance.
 Feb. 13—Joe Wleger can stretch metal.
 Feb. 14—Why does Bobbie Singleton change his work schedule to conform with the St. Joseph Hospital of Mishawaka.
 Feb. 15—The death of my mother on this day makes it a sorrowful date to remember.
 Feb. 20—Thanks to the office and all the departments for their floral pieces and help at this time from the entire Lindahl family.
 Feb. 21—Ernie Makelski has more than his share of tough luck. He is now laid up with his leg in a cast as the result of a fall on the ice. He would like to see any of the brothers at any time at his home at 914 Catalpa Ave.
 Feb. 22—It was a good thing the Hunkie came home from Japan in time for the hard times in the racking room.
 Feb. 23—Have you people given a thought to a new contract? It will come around before you know what the score is, so let's give it a good going over.
 Feb. 24—Dropped in for a visit to Ernie and he looks fine and I believe that all he needs at this time for a speedy recovery is more of that Drewry's Extra Dry.
 Feb. 25—Where did Charlie Lawson have that wreck?
 Feb. 26—Reports are that the engine room will be female after the installation of the new oil burners. Is that the reason Pete is wearing a derby?
 Feb. 27—We all hope that Izzy Buzolits is wide awake tomorrow. Pay day, Izzy.
 Feb. 28—Just 15 days till tax time.

IBT TO SUPPORT SOME REPUBLICANS

(From International Teamster)

The congressional elections next fall will probably find the Teamsters supporting some Republican candidates. Therefore it will support its friends in both parties.

Congress is now controlled by a combination of reactionary Republicans and Democrats. That control can be broken only by a liberal combination of Republicans and Democrats.

That is why the Teamsters will support liberals. We are not concerned with meaningless party labels that cover both reactionaries and liberals.

What has a labor-hating reactionary like Senator O'Daniel of Texas in common with a great like Senator Murray of Montana? Yet they are both Democrats.

We are behind Murray and men like him wherever we find them. If the Republican party will nominate such men, labor will vote for them.

And if the Democrats nominate men like O'Daniel, we will vote against them. In the meantime we will keep our membership advised of the voting records of the men seeking reelection to Congress next fall. On that record, we will decide our course of action in each case.

They will soon awaken to the fact that the labor vote is not in their pockets. Labor voted Democratic during the Roosevelt era because most of the friends of labor were with Roosevelt on the Democratic ticket.

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Outside of the South, most Democrats are liberal.

Since President Roosevelt died, many Democratic politicians are trying to swing the party conservative. They want to go back to the old system when there was little difference between the two parties and the voters swung hopelessly back and forth, throwing each party out of office after it got so bad they couldn't stand it any longer.

In that way the professional politicians in each party were sure of getting into power at regular intervals. They just took turns.

Labor is not interested in what political party gets into office. It is interested in what men get into

CLOTHING PROFITS 1,324%

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Over 1,324 per cent! That's the staggering increase in profits rolled up by department and specialty stores during 1944, compared with their average earnings from 1936 to 1939 former OPA Administrator Bowles revealed.

Bowles made public the figure during a Senate Small Business Committee hearing on price control. Aghast, Senator Allen J. Ellender (Dem., La.), exclaimed:

"If that's true, then OPA has failed in its job."

Bowles' answer was that "we regulate prices, not profits."

Asher and Mote Head Gallery Of 'Nine Men Against America'

Court Asher of Muncie and Carl H. Mote of Indianapolis are characterized as Nos. One and Two, respectively in a "rogues gallery" of "Nine Men Against America," appearing in the current magazine Pageant, appearing on all the newsstands.

The denunciation, written by John Roy Carlson, author of "Under Cover," includes also Congressman John E. Rankin, the Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, Gerald L. K. Smith and the Rev. Edward Lodge Curran, together with some not so well known in these parts.

Carlson says he has been an investigator among the nine men and their followers for six years and believes:

"They want this democracy to lose everything it gained by its long, bloody struggle against the Axis. They hope to turn creed against creed, race against race." "I believe they want, simply, to split America wide open."

Here is what he says about Messrs. Asher and Mote:

1. Court Asher, bluff, hearty, fortyish ex-bootlegger, operates in Muncie, Indiana. For the last nine years he has published *The X-Ray*, "Indiana's greatest weekly newspaper." Its circulation is about 6,000, but don't let the figure fool you. It has at least ten readers to each copy, sixty thousand a week. It carries advertisement of local merchants, is sent to veterans' groups and lodges. But its basic content is hate—hate for the America most Americans love.

Asher's *X-Ray* calls democracy a "deceit word . . . used as a shield, a mask for subversive, Communistic, dictatorial people and organizations."

Asher recently displayed more of his "Americanism" with a tirade against Jewry and a defense of the Ku Klux Klan. He denied that the Klan was bigoted or un-American. "Bring on the Klan!" he invited.

Twice Asher has been indicted for sedition. For a long time his paper ran a column by Edward James Smythe, notorious Bundist, Klansman and Christian frontier. Asher also associated with William Dudley Pelley, "the Goebels of America," who is still in jail for wartime sedition.

Recently *The X-Ray* attacked Frank Sinatra as "red Jews' anemic crooner," branded the war a phony and cried, "Surely . . . our fighting

men have died in vain." Yet Asher has influential friends.

2. Carl H. Mote, 61, short, jittery president of the Northern Indiana Telephone Company, lives in Indianapolis and edits *America Preferred*. Though only three years old, his monthly yields considerable influence among "intellectual" followers of the hate racket. As an official of the National Farmers Guild, Mote also has a large following among country folk.

Mote is wealthy and better educated than Asher, but the two have a lot in common. Mote, too, admired the seditious Pelley. Mote, too, holds democracy in contempt. During the war he published an amazing letter entitled *The Master Race*: "I am ashamed to be an American . . . Properly considered, the war has fully demonstrated one thing, and that is that the Germans are superior to Americans and English physically, intellectually, aesthetically and morally . . ."

Mote's Jew-baiting is on a par with Asher's. He spreads the fiction, cunningly used by the Nazis, that all Jews are "Communists, internationalist, revolutionists, Marxists." In the same breath he says they run our movies, radio, newspaper, politics, banks.

He also has strong opinions on Catholics. Cardinal Francis J. Spellman, says Mote, is "the most active and industrious prelate of the Roman Catholic Church in America now engaged in political maneuvering on a global scale." The Most Rev. Bernard J. Spellman, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and a farsighted liberal, is rejected as a "garrulous humbug."

With all this, Mote has set himself up as a candidate for the U. S. Senate on a plank which includes "freedom of speech and religion."

Local 298 Michigan City

Pete Wilkes, business agent of this local, has opened contract negotiations with Transit Mix, represented by Frank Malecki.

Other negotiations about to be opened include Coca Cola of Michigan City and the LaPorte dairies.

Ed Przybylinski has been re-elected president of the LaPorte County Building and Construction Trades Council, to serve with Pete Wilkes vice president; Max Meyn, recording secretary; Pat McGrath, financial secretary; and J. Kincaid, sergeant-at-arms. Shorty Cavanaugh was elected trustee.

Substantial wage increase and better working conditions have been obtained for 60 employees of 17 coal dealers in Michigan City. In addition, the union Teamsters get a week's vacation after one year and two weeks after five years.

Another good agreement has been obtained from Hoosier factories and Royal Metal, both of Michigan City. Increased wages are granted to all classifications of drivers, retroactive to Nov. 15, 1945.

Dairies of Michigan City have finally come to agreement with their union Teamsters, and agreed to pay increases retroactive to Feb. 1. Good work in restoring harmony in the industry was accomplished by U. S. Conciliator Chester Ralston.

LOCAL 362 HAMMOND

By Roscoe Colby
(Pinch-hitting for Bill Sullivan)

Meeting nights second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

Brother Sullivan is in the market for a set of store teeth.

Hammond Teamsters' bowling team is going good. Is open for a match game anywhere in the State.

There are several contracts open and the business agents have been kept pretty busy. So don't get angry if you are unable to reach one.

Quite a few of our service boys are returning home, and we are trying our best to place them in jobs.

Brother Ehrenhart is proud of his auto plate, as it corresponds with Local 362.

Brother Carroll's luck lately has been terrible. Better luck, Jerry!

We are getting ready for a mass organization of filling station employees.

As a closing plea—Don't forget to attend your union meetings.

UNION APPEALS CUSTARD PIE INJUNCTION

Anti-Picket Order Violates State Law, Miles Contends

(Continued from page 1)

Union attorney, is based upon three principal contentions:

Change of Venue Denied

1.—That the Union had filed application for change of venue in sufficient time to take the case out of Judge Claycombe's jurisdiction. Judge Claycombe failed to act on this application, arbitrarily handing the case himself.

2.—That the decision violates the Anti-Injunction Act of 1932.

3.—That the decision violates both the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Indiana granting freedom of speech.

Judge Claycombe's injunction is directed against C. E. Davis, President of Teamsters Union No. 188; Lynnville G. Miles, attorney for the Union; C. R. Kinnaman and Harold "Swede" Waechter, Union business representatives; Jack Agard, former business agent, and all members of Local 188.

The injunction is brought by the company in behalf of eight non-union drivers and specifically restrains the defendants from engaging in any of the following activities:

Text of Injunction

1. Unlawfully approaching the individual plaintiffs named in said complaint and requesting and demanding that the plaintiffs make application for membership in, and become members of, said Union, Bakery, Laundry, Dairy Employees, and Sales Drivers, Local Union No. 188.

2. From threatening, carrying on, conducting, and causing to be carried on, conducted a secondary boycott among any of the customers of all the plaintiffs.

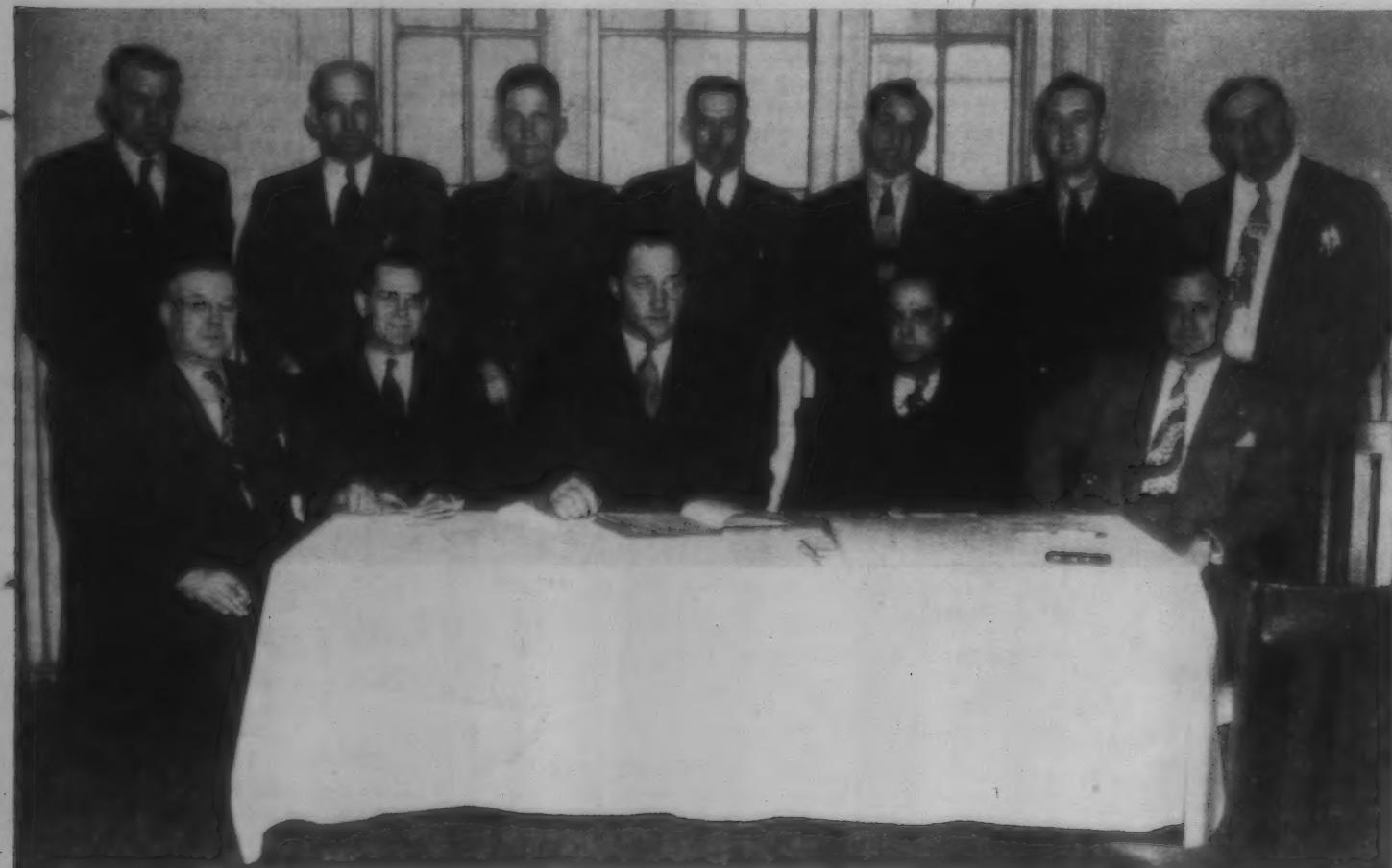
3. From making demands upon any of the customers of plaintiff that such customers cease purchasing pies and bakery goods from the plaintiffs, and from ordering and directing such customers to cease purchasing and accepting delivery of pies and bakery goods from the plaintiffs, and that said defendants, their agents, employees, representatives, aids, and abettors be, and each of them is, hereby enjoined from threatening to and from causing pickets to be placed at and about the business establishment or establishments of said customers, and from causing members of said Union, and any other persons, including members of other labor unions or organizations to boycott, and to refuse to deal and trade with, plaintiff's customers.

4. From threatening to prevent and from preventing the delivery of other goods and merchandise to the customers of these plaintiffs, which goods and merchandise are manufactured, sold, and delivered to plaintiffs' customers by persons, firms, and corporations other than the plaintiffs, Home Made Pie Co.

5. From making threats to, intimidating, and coercing the customers of these plaintiffs for the purpose of endeavoring to have such customers cease to purchase pies and bakery goods from these plaintiffs, and from again purchasing pies and bakery goods from plaintiffs.

HAVE IT DELIVERED UNION

State Drivers Council Votes to Aid Hicks Body Victims



While many delegates to the Indiana State Drivers Council attended the mass meeting in Lebanon called by the American Federation of Labor March 18, to assist the locked-out employees of Hicks Body Co., other delegates met at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis and voted to donate \$300 to the fund being collected to aid in the battle of broken contracts (on the part of the company).

During this meeting a photographer for the Leader snapped this

JOE WILLIAMS SAYS

PADDLE YOUR OWN CANOE



Nothing great is lightly won;
Nothing won is lost;
Every good deed, nobly done,
Will repay the cost.
Leave to Heaven in humble trust
All you will to do—
But, if you would succeed
You must—

PADDLE YOUR OWN CANOE

UP-TO-DATE WITH NO. 188

By SWEDE WAECHTER

"There never has been but one question in all civilization—there is now only one question, and that never will be but one question in the future, and that is how to prevent a few men from saying to many men: You work and earn bread and we will eat it."—Abraham Lincoln.

Our Recording Secretary, Leonard Ben, has been on the sick list for some time now. We hope to see him up and around soon.

Brother Truman Eldson of Indiana Condensed Milk Co., who had such a bad accident a while back, is home and doing well. He wants to thank every member of our swell Local for the help he received and for the nice contribution.

The fellow in the front office isn't boss any more than the man in the shop. The boss is the man who buys what both of us work together to make.

ATTENTION—all members of this Local and sister Locals. Polk's Milk, Roberts' Milk and Banquet Milk are now on the unfair list. The membership of Local 188 asks that you buy milk from a union dairy. If you have it delivered be sure it is Capitol Dairies. If you buy milk at the stores, we have a closed dairy contract at Kroger's. Patronize these two milk companies. They are brother members of yours.

NEW ICE BOXES, ETC.

WPB estimates that present civilian requirements call for 5,852,000 mechanical refrigerators, 4,501,000 vacuum cleaners, 3,451,000 sewing machines, 5,085,000 radios, 5,195,000 electric irons and 5,835,000 washing machines.

RUSSIAN RELIEF

NEW YORK—The American people in 1945 contributed \$32,706,469.95 in cash and goods to the American Society for Russian Relief, Inc., the organization's Board of Directors announced in a "Report to the Public" just issued.

The Victory Ordnance Corp. which will later be known as Victory Ordnance Corp. and/or Centrasoc Mfg. Corp. at present is in the process of reorganizing and

We expect to have all the mechanics in our bakeries organized by the time this goes to press.

This one we picked up from a contract out of Local 691 in Richmond—"The term 'driver' or 'chauffeur' shall be construed to mean the operator of a truck, motorcycle, passenger, horse-drawn vehicle, or any other vehicles used for transportation purposes, and shall also include employees engaged in delivery service on foot or bicycle or by similar methods, when used to defeat the purpose of this agreement, except for emergency." You certainly covered everything, didn't you Jim? Mind if we use this too?

For the information of those members who did not attend the March 5 General Meeting (and that'll cost you, brothers!) your Local has just voted in a \$500.00 death benefit plan. On death of any member in good standing, \$500.00 is payable immediately to his designated beneficiary. Be sure to sign your beneficiary cards and return them, either to your steward or to this office before May 1.

How word of a good thing does get around! This is from a letter we received from a brand new member.

"Dear Mr. Davis:

"I just wanted to tell you how pleased I was to learn that I had been made a member of Local 188. This has been a strong desire of mine for a long time. The fellows I have talked to have a very high opinion of you and are very proud of Local 188, as am I. I am looking forward to a meeting with you.

"Yours sincerely,

"K. F. Walter."

Thanks for your nice letter, and welcome to 188. We are every bit as pleased to have you in our union. Of course, we are all extremely proud of 188. We think it is the best in the world. And it is our members—like you—who make it so.

picture, showing, standing, L. to R. John Mcfield, Muncie; George Campbell, South Bend; Elmer Nolan, Clinton; Everett Wilkes, Michigan City; Michael Granat, James E. Deets and Emmett J. Williams, Indianapolis.

Seated, Left to Right, D. E. Mahoney, Muncie; Michael Angel, Evansville; Stephen Toth, East Chicago, president of the State Council; O. B. Chambers, Kokomo; and Walter E. Biggs, South Bend.